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Fun, families, and fire trucks

Annual open house
held at AFD



Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick

Five-year-old Quinn Miller has a firm grip on the wheel in the cab of Engine 5.

By Mike Lydick

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM — Kids of every age are fascinated by big, shiny red fire trucks — an attraction that drew many Agawam families to the fire department's fourth annual open house last weekend.

It's a yearly event for many families, including the Goodmans.

"We've been waiting for this," said Melanie Goodman, who, along with her husband Josh and their children, Kingston, 4, and Mireille, 2, was among many residents visiting the department's Main Street headquarters on Saturday, Oct. 22.

"Kingston's favorite is the ladder truck,"

she said.

"The kids really love this. It helps teach them about firefighters and fire safety," added Josh Goodman.

The department's facilities and firefighting apparatus were displayed inside and outside for visitors to see, touch — and even sit in. One of the most popular vehicles — especially for kids — was the department's aerial ladder truck that gave visitors a spectacular view as they were lifted high above the fire station.

Firefighters demonstrate their skills

Firefighters and paramedics also chopped up an old black Ford Crown Victoria sedan — a retired fire chief vehicle — to demonstrate how various Jaws of Life hydraulic

rescue tools can help extricate trapped victims.

Lt. B.J. Calvi and firefighters/paramedics Michael Penders and Frank Matuszczak pried open the front doors with a spreader, sliced through the windshield posts with a cutter and peeled back the roof. Matuszczak and Penders then placed a ram on the doorframe and pushed up the dashboard to allow space to free a crash victim.

Several firefighters showed off another of their skills — cooking — by whipping up their best batches of chili in a cook-off for visitors to taste and pick their favorite.

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Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois talks with firefighter and Safety and Fire Education Coordinator Pamela Murphy as Blaze, the department's fire dog, waits patiently by her side.

Agawam Democrats to host forum, debate

The Agawam Democratic Committee will present a forum/debate Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Roberta Doering Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam. Attorney Howard Safford of Agawam will be the moderator for this event.

A forum for council candidates will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each candidate will have three minutes to present their qualifications, the issues that they feel are most important, and their vision for Agawam.

At 7:45 p.m., there will be a debate for the mayoral candidates, Incumbent Richard Cohen and challenger Rosemary Sandlin. After opening statements, the candidates will be asked questions submitted from the audience and sent in by town residents. At the end each candidate will present a closing statement. This event will be broadcast on channel 15.

The committee is asking residents to submit questions by mail to Agawam Democratic Committee, P.O. Box 233, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or to bring them on the evening of the debate.

Keeping Halloween fun ... and safe

By Jennifer Wroblewski

Staff Writer

AGAWAM — Local ghouls and goblins will have the opportunity to take to the streets dressed in their Halloween best on Monday, Oct. 31, and local officials hope both parents and children will exercise caution while simultaneously enjoying the frightful fun.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen said during his tenure as mayor, there have not been any issues with safety on Halloween.

"I can't think of any instances off the top of my head," Cohen said, adding, "Agawam is very safe."

He did urge parents to take precautions with their children: don't let kids out alone and ensure costumes do not pose any harm.

While there are no set trick-or-treating hours, Agawam Police Officers will be out patrolling the streets that evening and motorists should make sure they are cautious out on the roads.

"Drive slowly and watch out for trick-or-treaters and their parents," Cohen said.

For those who want to get into the Halloween spirit a little early, the First Congregational Church of West Springfield, located at 20 Lathrop St., West Springfield, will host its annual Halloween Party and Haunted House this Saturday, Oct. 29 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Smurf party is for younger children,

who can visit Gargamel's Castle and enjoy crafts and snacks. The Harry Potter Haunted House is for older children and adults and promises to be really creepy.

The event is hosted by the First Church Junior and Senior Youth Groups. Admission is a can or box of food donation for the Parish Cupboard.

For more information about the Halloween Party and Haunted House, call Diana Forfa at 413-734-7767.

For kids, Halloween isn't all about donning a costume and taking to the streets, it's about the treats. For parents looking to protect their children, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has released a bullet-point list of tips for a fun — and safe — Halloween.

According to the FDA, children shouldn't snack while they're out trick or treating; they should wait until they get home and parents have had a chance to inspect the contents of their "goody bags." To prevent children from snacking, give them a light meal or snack before they head out. Be sure to tell children not to accept — and especially not to eat — anything that isn't commercially wrapped. Parents of young children should remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies or small toys.

Parents should inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such

as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

Home Halloween parties may pose risks to children as well. If you are hosting or attending an event, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- If juice or cider is served to children at Halloween parties, make sure it is pasteurized or otherwise treated to destroy harmful bacteria.

- No matter how tempting, don't taste raw cookie dough or cake batter.

- Before going "bobbing for apples" reduce the number of bacteria that might be present on apples and other raw fruits and vegetables by thoroughly rinsing them under cool running water. As an added precaution, use a produce brush to remove surface dirt.

- "Scare" bacteria away by keeping all perishable foods chilled until serving time. These include, for example, finger sandwiches, cheese platters, fruit or tossed salads, cold pasta dishes with meat, poultry or seafood, and cream pies or cakes with whipped-cream and cream-cheese frostings.

For more Halloween safety tips for parents, visit the FDA website at www.fda.gov.

For more safety tips please see page 9



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A winning show...



Turley Publications courtesy photo

Samantha Gentile, 8, of Feeding Hills, finished with a second place and two third place ribbons at her very first horse show held at the DD Performance Horses on North West Street recently. Samantha is pictured on Bobo, with her second-place ribbon. The daughter of Andy and Tammy Gentile, she is a student at Robinson Park School.

WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.

Turley Publications photo by Connie J. Casagrande

This week's sign can be found at a place that keeps our furry friends healthy. Do you know where it is?



Last week's photo: That bird can be found at Quail Run Estates.

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Talented young pianist to play in SSO's Rachmaninoff and Barber concert

Guest soloist Joyce Yang joins Maestro Rhodes in romantic masterpiece

By Charles F. Bennett
Turley Publications Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD - One of the most gifted young pianists of her generation, Joyce Yang, joins the Springfield Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Kevin Rhodes in concert Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall.

Yang will perform Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3," "one of the most difficult concertos ever written," says Rhodes.

"I heard her performance in Sarasota, Florida last year," said Rhodes, "and immediately called her agent to arrange for her to come to Springfield. I know audiences will be thrilled at this bright, emerging artist," he said.

As Rhodes promised last summer, this year's concert lineup includes the music of American-born composers. This concert presents William Schuman's "Symphony No. 3" and Samuel Barber's famous "Adagio for Strings."

Even the Rachmaninoff piece has a connection to the United States. Rachmaninoff composed the "Piano Concerto No. 3" in 1909 for a long-planned first tour of the United States. It gained immediate and en-

during popularity, especially with pianists. The Concerto requires immense stamina from the soloist and attests both to the composer's melodic inventiveness and to his outstanding pianistic abilities.

Just 25, Yang has established herself as one of the leading pianists through her innovative solo recitals and notable collaborations with the world's top orchestras. In 2010 she was awarded an Avery Fisher Career Grant, one of the most prestigious prizes in classical music.

This past season Yang appeared for the first time with the San Francisco Symphony, led by Alondra de la Parra, returned to the Chicago Symphony under James Conlon at Ravinia, and performed as concerto soloist in Milwaukee, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia; then in Malaysia, and Hong Kong. She made her Lincoln Center recital debut at Alice Tully Hall and gave recitals in Atlanta and Berkeley, Calif.

Schuman

"William Schuman is a very special composer to me," said Rhodes. "I began my very first concert with the SSO as a candidate for the position with his "New England Triptych."



Turley Publications courtesy photo

Young award-winning pianist Joyce Yang will be guest soloist at Springfield Symphony Orchestra in concert, playing "Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 3" on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall. For tickets visit springfieldsymphony.org.

Growing up Schuman said he wanted to be a major league baseball player but turned his efforts to popular music but then devoted himself to composing, education and administration as president of Lincoln Center from 1962 to 1969.

Rhodes said, Schumann's "Third Symphony," "was an immediate success when premiered in 1941." It conveys the mood of a country readying itself for great challenges with a uniquely American sense of symphonic music. It is truly one of my favorite works and I can't wait to play it," he said.

Barber

Schumann's fellow American composer Samuel Barber is well-known and beloved by many concertgoers. "His "Adagio for Strings" is one of the most moving sets of notes ever put on a page," says Rhodes. Its emotional power lies in the gradual buildup of tension. At the powerful climax there is a short pause after which the theme is restated in its original form and then winds down peacefully.

An informal half-hour discussion about the evening's concert, "Classical Conversations," will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the hall with Maestro Rhodes. After the concert, audiences and welcome to meet Rhodes, the musicians and Yang in the Mahogany Room.

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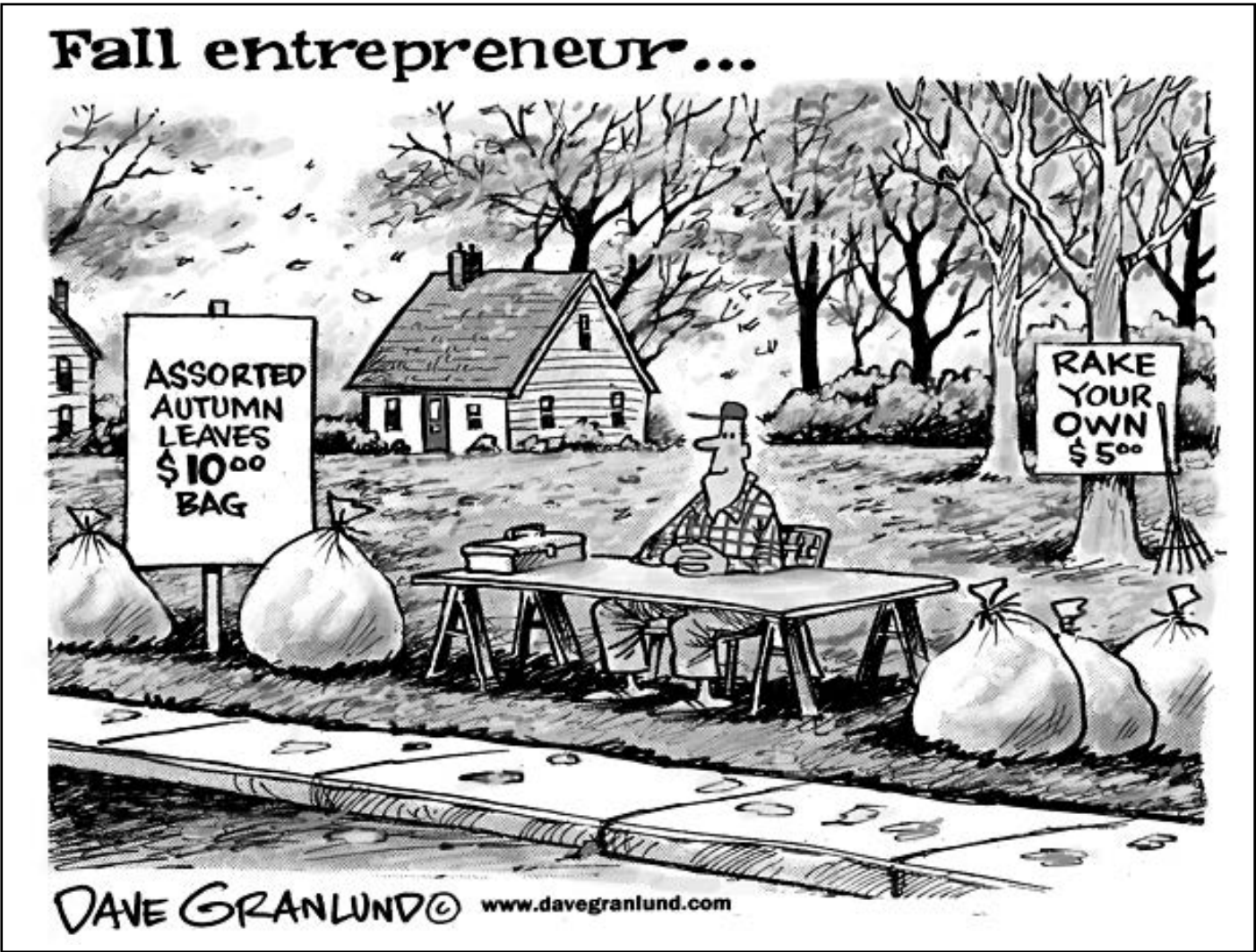
Got drugs? Time to toss them

Prescription drugs – we all have needed them at one time or another for various ailments or infections, and, most likely, we are all guilty of not taking our full prescription. Check your medicine cabinet. You probably have some prescription drugs nearing or past their shelf life, but you just don’t know what to do with them – until now.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Agawam Town Hall on Main Street, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Agawam Health Department, Agawam Police Department, Agawam MRC, and the mayor’s office will sponsor a “Drug Take Back Day.”

You can drop off your expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs, no questions asked, and officers will dispose of them safely. There’s no paperwork involved in the process. You just have to drop off the drugs. It’s that simple.

The “Drug Take Back Day” isn’t only about clearing space in your medicine cabinets – far from it. Studies have shown that prescription drugs are the number one drug of choice among young people ages 12 to 13 years old. About 70 percent of people 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs get them from family and friends. It is simple for a young person to sneak into their parents’ or grandparents’ medicine supply and take one pill without the adult knowing. Actually, 56 percent of teens admitted that prescription drugs are easier to get than illicit drugs. The study also showed that one in seven teens admitted to abusing prescription drugs to get high in the past year, and 60 percent of teens who abused pain relievers did so before the age of 15. Aside from keeping the drugs out of our young people’s hands, there is also the



threat of contaminating our environment. Another recent study showed that 80 percent of U.S. streams contain small amounts of human antibiotics. Fish and other aquatic animals have shown adverse effects from medicines in the water. There have even been small amounts of medicines detected

in our drinking water. These medicines are dangerous unless taken as prescribed by a doctor.

“Drug Take Back Day” is a safe and convenient way to dispose of your unwanted prescription drugs, but don’t forget about other family members. Check in on your el-

derly parents or grandparents and clear out their old meds too.

So what are you waiting for? Now is the time to collect all potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs and take them to Agawam Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Wine tasting a success due to the help of many

To the editor:

The trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House wish to thank the many people who helped make our recent benefit wine tasting at the house a rousing success. Despite frequent downpours, more than 200 guests attended the event over the course of the evening, earning the sincere gratitude of the board for their kind support. Others who deserve special thanks for their efforts that night include the following Agawam businesses: McCarthy’s Liquors, Main Street Deli, Agawam Flower Shop, Sarat Ford, and Giovanni’s. McCarthy Liquors owners John and Manon McCarthy, their store staff, and their vendors put much time and effort into creating a very successful evening for the Captain Charles Leonard House. As well as providing many raffle prizes, the McCarthy’s generously donated all the proceeds from tickets sales to the Captain Leonard House. To show their support of the Captain Leonard House, Rick, Joanne, and Mike Locke of the Main Street Deli donated several delicious cheese and cracker platters that were enjoyed by our many guests that night.

Angela Grout, owner of Agawam Flower Shop, graciously provided a beautiful floral centerpiece and arrangements for the tables at the event. Jack Sarat, of Sarat Ford Lincoln, donated several gift certificates to the raffle table, which proved to be nearly as popular as the wine tasting itself. The Russo family of Giovanni’s donated a delicious cookie tray to the raffle table. The Captain Charles Leonard House has been a gathering place in Agawam for more than 200 years. Your support of fundraising events such as this wine tasting and our up-

coming Tavern Luncheon, along with rental of the facility for social and business events, will help to ensure that the National Register-listed Captain Charles Leonard House will be available for use as Agawam’s Community House by generations to come, as our benefactor, Mrs. Minerva Davis, intended. Wethankyoualloncemore.Don’tbeastranger!

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Another great Harvest Festival

To the editor:

The Agawam Harvest Festival and Family Fun Day Committee of the Agawam Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who helped and participated, making our 2011 event such a great success. A special thanks to our major sponsor, Easthampton Savings Bank, for their generous \$1,500 donation.

We also thank our other sponsors: Mercier Carpets, for the bounce house, CHH Engraving, Mayor Richard Cohen, Rosemary Sandlin, the Junior Women’s Club, The Atrium, Cecchi Farms, the Lions Club, the Veterans Council and the fabulous music band, The Troubadours.

We would also like to thank the students of the Agawam High School Band, the high school cheerleaders, the Art Club students, the Key Club students, and members of the Rosie Robotics Team, for their performances and help.

A special thanks to the over 40 craft and food vendors and the antique and classic car owners for their help in making our event such a great experience. It was truly a great family event with good food, crafts, music,

face and pumpkin painting and other entertainment.

We greatly appreciate the support of our residents and again thank everyone very much.

George Bitzas, committee chairman,
Bob Magovern, Rotary Club president,
And committee members

Sandlin would be better for the town

To the editor:

I am writing to urge Agawam voters to cast their ballots for Rosemary Sandlin for mayor on Election Day, Nov. 8.

Rosemary Sandlin is knowledgeable and skilled about local, state, and federal government. She knows how to get things done for our town. Her leadership will make Agawam town government accessible and transparent, with a responsive open door policy, and a free flow of specific information to all members of the public. She will be a careful steward of our tax dollars, examining how our money is spent in each town department, and if it is being used effectively to improve our quality of life.

I have worked with Rosemary on many issues to benefit our town, including the Agawam Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund, Go Green Agawam, (which led to the formation of the Energy Commission), and the School Street Barn Gift Fund, and know her to be honest, compassionate, committed, hard working, and fair. She will be a far better mayor who will give Agawam a far better future. Please vote for Rosemary Sandlin on Nov. 8.

Corinne M. Wingard
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Spoken like a true New Englander

I never thought I'd say this, but the best part of my job here in Agawam lately has been the commute: 30 minutes each way, traipsing across western Mass over four different highways.

It started a few weeks ago. Driving along the Mass Pike west heading into work, with the golden rays of the morning sun peeking out of the fog, I spotted a few yellowing trees along the road and it suddenly occurred to me that fall had begun its descent upon us. Since then — in just a matter of a few days, it seems — more and more trees have started following suit, creating breathtaking views of foliage throughout the region. Now, all of New England is enveloped in the rich, vibrant hues associated with fall: the rustic reds and mustard yellows, muted oranges and deep purples. This marks the time of year that Mother Nature decides to bestow upon us her most beautiful creations and I, for one, am enjoying it... immensely.

Apparently, I'm a leaf peeper. Who knew?

Overnight temperatures have plummeted

to right around freezing; the ubiquitous sweatshirt has made its return to my closet; the scent of pumpkin-flavored coffee wafts through my apartment and apples have officially returned (in abundance!) to my refrigerator.

Oh yes, it's apple season, that magical time of year that brings with it hot apple cider and warm apple crisp. I'm getting hungry just thinking about it.

And let's not even get into the fact that it's the season of pumpkin pies! Pumpkin, yum! Yes, now is the time for gourds and lately I've seen glowing Jack-o-lanterns grace the porches of homes and the counters at the various offices I've visited. I can't remember the last time I carved a pumpkin and have added that to my to-do list this week. After all, Halloween is fast approaching.

I suffer through winter, appreciate spring's rebirth and tolerate summer's sweltering heat, but it's fall that I truly love. The sweet-smelling hay and horse-drawn carriage

rides; blazing bonfires; vibrant foliage and some of the most beautiful sunsets Mother Nature has to offer. Everything about autumn is amazing.

Now that I'm not in school and I don't have to dread the coming of fall, I'm in my glory.

One of my friends recently admonished me for these overly sentimental declarations.

"How can you like fall?" he asked when I started in on my autumn sales pitch. "It's the beginning of the end. Winter is just around the corner."

Be that as it may, I can't help but cheer for the beautiful weather we've been having, although I hear that should change by this weekend. It's hard not to beat people over the head with my incessant (happy) ramblings about fall.

Growing up, this was the season my dad used to take me to a local farm to pick out a pumpkin and watch the cows graze the last of the summer grass. Then we'd head home

to carve our creation and roast pumpkin seeds (the enjoyment of which was always tarnished slightly by the fact that I snacked on them while doing homework at the kitchen table).

Today, the one downside to this season is that it marks the end of my time with my family at their seasonal lake house.

The boat has been taken in and stored for winter and the docks have been removed from the water, which is so calm it looks like glass. No more sunset cruises with my dad around the lake; no more popping by to say hi to my parents on my way to visit friends in the area. I am officially on my own in western Mass., at least until the spring when the cottage reopens.

But I refuse to let that and the coming winter dampen my spirits. Not yet, at least.

For now, I will pull on my favorite worn college sweatshirt, heat up a mug of steaming apple cider and enjoy the season for what it brings — a sense of warmth despite the chill.

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Families

Do lunch 'tavern-style' at the Captain Leonard House

The third annual “Tavern Luncheon” will be offered Saturday, Nov. 5 at the historic Captain Charles Leonard House, located at 663 Main St. in the Agawam Center Historic District.

A piping hot lunch of chicken a la king will be served at two seatings, one at 11:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Salad, side, and a home-baked seasonal dessert will accompany the entree. Members of the all-volunteer board of trustees will serve the luncheon. A donation of \$10 per meal is suggested and reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a seat, call (413) 786-9421.

A much-anticipated fine linen, crystal, silver and collectibles sale, coordinated by Captain Leonard House trustee Alice Smith, returns as part of the fall luncheon and promises many great finds at affordable prices. The sale runs from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. in the front parlors and main hallway at the house.

Proceeds from the luncheon and sale will aid in the preservation of the 200 year-old Captain Charles Leonard House, which serves as Agawam’s Community House and is available to rent for business and social events.

The Captain Leonard House was built in 1805 as a stage tavern to service travelers on the Hartford/Boston route. It has served as Agawam’s Community House since 1939, when Mrs. Minerva Davis restored the property and created the non-profit organization that operates the house. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and occupies a prominent location in the Agawam Center National Register Historic District.



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Guests enjoy warm food and good company at last fall’s Tavern Luncheon at Agawam’s historic Captain Charles Leonard House. This year’s luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5.

Legion fish fry open to the public

American Legion Post 185, located at 478 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills, hosts a fish fry every Thursday night through March with servings from 4-7 p.m. Offerings include a fish dinner, fisherman’s platter, and scallops and whole belly clams for. Dinner selections include coleslaw and a choice of onion rings or French fries. Side orders are also available for purchase.

Take-out orders are available and the legion is handicapped-accessible. Seniors are welcome.

Lions Club to host breakfast

The Agawam Lions Club will sponsor a Harvest Breakfast, Saturday, Nov. 5 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church at 745 Main St., Agawam. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 10 and under and are available at the door. Tickets may also be purchased from any Lions Club member, at Bob’s Barber Shop or Southgate Liquors in Agawam.

ELECTION POLICY

The *Agawam Advertiser News* will publish letters of endorsement for candidates limited to one per author using the same letters to the editor policies now in effect. Orchestrated letter writing campaigns will not be tolerated. No election letters will be published the week prior to the election. We do not endorse any candidates for election, though we will retain the right to comment on election issues.

To advertise information on upcoming political fundraisers, contact *Agawam Advertiser News* advertising rep. John Baskin at 413-786-7747 or via e-mail at jbaskin@turley.com. Fundraisers are considered paid advertising.

Candidates will be invited to post statements in *Agawam Advertiser News* online readers forum in a special section called “Meet the Candidates” at no charge.

We will no longer print candidate statements in print for free, though we will

write group stories on all candidates entering contested races. Individual candidate statements submitted for print publication are now considered paid advertising.

Free online statements will be limited to 200 words maximum and may appear with photo provided by the candidate. Online statements should include biographical details only.

Candidates are invited to participate in *Agawam Advertiser News*’ special online readers forum event called “Ask the Candidates,” where candidates take questions from readers and/or editorial staff and post their answers on the readers forum at www.agawamnewsreaderforum.wordpress.com.

Select questions and answers to posted online statements can appear in the *Agawam Advertiser News* opinion section. As always, we will preview contested elections two weeks prior to elections both online and in print.

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Beautiful home in a well established neighborhood. This home features many updates, including granite countertops with ceramic tile flooring in a lovely kitchen open to the dining area and family room. This great living room has cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors and surround sound, a wonderful place to entertain. Many other unique qualities to this home. You can also enjoy water views and easy access to the bike path as well. #1270472



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St. Pat's Committee to host Awards Night

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will hold its Annual Awards Night Friday, Nov. 18 at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and a buffet will follow. The honorees include Timothy McGrew, 2012 Parade Marshall for the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee contingent; Susan Wills, who has been chosen to receive the Anne Sullivan Award; and Mary Ann Zicoella, this year's recipient of the Citizenship Award. McGrew has been a dedicated member of the float committee, served on the board of directors and is the chairman of the by-laws committee. He and his wife, Eileen, have two children, a daughter Elizabeth and a son, Paul. McGrew is a program administrator in conservation for Northeast Utilities. He and his wife are "foster parents" for a Fidelco Guide Dog named Gizmo, the eighth dog they have had in training as a service animal. Each year the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee chooses a woman of its group who shows the dedication to the committee that Anne Sullivan gave to Helen Keller. Susan Wills has served the committee, as secretary, board of directors member and has worked on the colleen and float committees. Wills is a hygienist. She and her husband Rick are Agawam natives. They have two daughters, Julie and Megan, who was the Agawam St. Patrick's Colleen in 2006.

The Citizenship Award is presented each year to an Agawam resident who has given back to the community and with the stylists from her business, Salon Tres Chic, Mary Ann Zicoella has done just that. The salon team walked for Rays of Hope, has done fundraising for muscular dystrophy, for three years has shaved heads to support the Jimmy Fund, did the hair and makeup for the Junior Women's Club and modeled in its fashion show, offered all potential Colleen contestants hair and makeup for the pageant, and offered free haircuts when anyone donates 12 inches or more of hair to Wigs for Kids. Zicoella and her husband, Thomas, have been married for 15 years. She has four children, Jennifer, Melissa, Joseph and Sean Sparverri, and has lived in Agawam for 28 years. Entertainment at the Awards Night will be provided by the Claddagh School Step dancers and Vera Conway will provide background music during the evening. Admission is \$30 per person and tickets may be purchased by contacting Jude O'Hare at (413) 786-2547.



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Timothy McGrew



Susan Wills



Mary Ann Zicoella

Forsman and Boutilier wed

AGAWAM — On Sept. 17, Jenna Boutilier and Brian Forsman began their lives together as husband and wife. The outdoor wedding ceremony was held at the Bristol Harbor Inn in Rhode Island. The nuptials were followed by an indoor dinner at the inn then dancing under the stars on the boardwalk.

The bride is the daughter of Martha and Ed Boutilier of North Scituate, R.I. The groom is the son of Cindi (Borgatti) Green of Agawam and Greg Forsman of Newington, Conn.

Jessica Caputo served as matron of honor while Michael Thomas stood up as best man. The remainder of the wedding party was made up of 13 family and friends.

The couple met in 2002 at Emanuel College in Boston where they were college sweethearts. Brian received a bachelor's degree in business management and currently works as the business and practice manager for several primary care offices in Rhode Island. Jenna received a Bachelor of Science in biology then continued with grad school at Regis College where she received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in nursing. She currently works as a nurse practitioner at



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Brian and Jenna Boutilier

a family practice in Cumberland, R.I.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Aruba. The Forsmans currently reside in Lincoln, R.I.

Genealogy Society to meet Nov. 2

The monthly meeting for the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

The guest speaker will be Jim Massery from the Holyoke History Room, who will present a virtual tour of the genealogical resources available in the history room, which is located at Holyoke Community College.

These resources include directories, vital statistics, biography files, and veterans' collections. He will also speak about the methods used to find information to help researchers.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. Annual membership dues to WMGS are \$20.

News and events from Senior Center Friends

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center are seeking vendors for a craft fair scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3. For information, call Emile Coté at (413) 335-9440 for information.

Friends will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. at the

Senior Center dining room.

A Friends-sponsored rotini and meatball dinner will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Donation for adults is \$6 and \$3 for children 10 and under. There will be a bake sale during the dinner.

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Senior Center’s weekly calendar of events

Monday, Oct. 31: 8:15 a.m., Weight Training, Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Walking Club, Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11:45 a.m., Music with Liz Carter and Costume Parade; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: 8:30 a.m., S.H.I.N.E. (by appt.); 9 a.m., Knitting, Sewing, Exercise; 10 a.m., P.A.C.E.; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Movie (“On Moonlight Bay”); 1 p.m., Coffee Shop Singers, Internet Class Begins; 1:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:15 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginners Line Dancing; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: 8:15 a.m., Weight Training, Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna; 6 p.m., Evening Line Dance.

Thursday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing II; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 1:30 p.m., Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band; 6:30 p.m., Pitch; 7 p.m., Autism Support Group.

Friday, Nov. 4: 8:30 a.m., Tap Class; 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 9:30 a.m., Hand and Foot Card Game; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna; 7:30 p.m., Applause Series (“Good Acoustics” – Free at the Senior Center).

Agawam Senior Center lunch menu

Monday, Oct. 31: Goulash, beet salad, Jell-O.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, broccoli, birthday cake.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Cheeseburger, stuffed potato, tomato and cucumber salad, peaches.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Kielbasa, pirogues, fried cabbage, pudding.

Friday, Nov. 4: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, spinach, mandarin oranges.

Senior Spectacular health seminar to be held Nov. 1

Fallon Community Health Plan will host a “Senior Spectacular,” Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature live music and dancing, workshops, seminars and health screenings, free giveaways, samples and raffles. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call (800) 325-5669 (TTY users, call TRS Relay 711).

Free parking is available at the Basketball Hall of Fame. Free handicap-accessible transportation will be available from the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Pick-up will be at 9:45 a.m. and the bus will leave the Basketball Hall of Fame from 1 to 3 p.m.

Isn’t it golden?



The Oak Ridge Country Club was the perfect place for the Chapter One Golden Agers to celebrate their 55th anniversary.



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The Chapter One Golden Agers Club held a luncheon Oct. 12 to celebrate its 55th anniversary. Pictured, from left, board members Louise Balboni, Alice Buell, Joyce Asta-Ferrero, Millicent Barnard and Becky Washburn.

The first meeting of the Agawam Golden Age Club was held on Nov. 28, 1956 at St. John’s Church. Its goal was to serve the social needs of seniors and to provide them with information on health, opportunities and services available.

There were 57 charter members, the oldest of whom was 85. Today, many of the golden volunteers are well into their 90s.

In the past, the glee club was well known throughout the area; the group put on such plays as Showboat, Hawaiian Melody and Western Revue. The

members enjoyed many trips just as they do today, but one trip is especially interesting. In 1962 they took a 4-day trip to Washington D.C. for a cost of \$57.50 per person! In 1977 the club moved into its first official Senior Center. In 1983, the club had so many members that, due to safety issues, Chapter Two was formed. Now they meet on alternate Wednesdays in the beautiful new Senior Center, which opened on Main Street in 2009.

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Halloween health and safety tips

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released these tips for parents and children to enjoy a “Safe Halloween.”

- S – Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
- A – Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E – Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H – Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- A – Always test makeup in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- L – Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks whenever possible.
- L – Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O – Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- W – Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
- E – Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- E – Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- N – Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

For more information on these safety tips, visit www.cdc.gov/family/halloween.

Public Safety POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 299 calls from Oct. 18 to Oct. 24. The department made five arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, Oct. 20

Joshua R. Tourville, 23, of 69 Strawberry Hill Road, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor (second offense); marked lanes violation; and license not in possession.

Laurie J. Thompson, 55, of 6 Valley St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended for operating under the influence.

Friday, Oct. 21

Mark Soffen, 20, of 295 Suffield St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of under 21 operating under the influence of liquor; operating to endanger; possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle; and person under 21 possession of liquor.

Sunday, Oct. 23

Tina Marie Woodin, 45, of 73 Kensington St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; operating to endanger based on negligence; marked lanes violation; and passing violation.

Chase R. Sardella, 24, of 59 Chestnut Lane, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of possession of Class B drug.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 62 EMS calls for the week of Oct. 18 to Oct. 24.

On Oct. 18 at 8:45 a.m., the department responded to Walnut Street Ext. for a lockout.

On Oct. 18 at 10:54 a.m., the department responded to Beekman Drive for unintentional transmission of alarm.

On Oct. 18 at 10:54 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for carbon monoxide detector activation, no carbon monoxide.

On Oct. 18 at 6:37 p.m., the department responded to Harvey Johnson Drive for unauthorized burning.

On Oct. 18 at 9:13 p.m., the department responded to Portland Street for a building fire.

On Oct. 19 at 9:12 a.m., the department responded to River Street for public service.

On Oct. 19 at 9:37 a.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Oct. 19 at 11:43 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 rotary for vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 19 at 12:42 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm.

On Oct. 19 at 1:26 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system sounding, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 19 at 1:48 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for public service.

On Oct. 20 at 11:23 a.m., the department responded to

Springfield Street for a lockout.

On Oct. 20 at 10:36 p.m., the department responded to Oak Lane for carbon monoxide detector activation, no carbon monoxide.

On Oct. 21 at 6:15 a.m., the department responded to Parkedge Drive for alarm system sounding, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 21 at 11:41 a.m., the department responded to the intersection of School Street and River Road for a bomb scare – no bomb.

On Oct. 22 at 3:12 p.m., the department responded to Brookfield Lane for carbon monoxide detector activation due to malfunction.

On Oct. 23 at 7:03 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a lockout.

On Oct. 24 at 8:35 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 24 at 8:46 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for a lockout.

On Oct. 24 at 8:53 a.m., the department responded to Sycamore Terrace for a lockout.

On Oct. 24 at 1:02 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for a vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 24 at 3:08 p.m., the department responded to North Street for no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On Oct. 24 at 4:08 p.m., the department responded to Pine Street for extrication, rescue, other.

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Shredding event deemed huge success

Benefits Parish Cupboard

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Last month's community-wide paper shredding event to help support the critical needs of the Parish Cupboard was a huge success, according to Executive Director Martha Tighe. The Parish Cupboard received \$1,850 in cash contributions and 657 pounds of non-perishable food.

The West Springfield Parish Cupboard, located at 1023 Main St., is a member of the Food Bank of Western Mass, but depends greatly on cash and food donations from businesses, schools, churches, individuals and various local fundraisers to support its mission to help the area's needy. They currently serve over 400 hot lunches per month.

The West Springfield Federal Credit Union, formerly known as West Springfield

Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union and located at 58 Union St., is celebrating its 50th year in business. The member-owned credit union has over 3,500 members and offers financial products and services.

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Jackie Madden (left), manager of the West Springfield Federal Credit Union, presents Martha Tighe, the Parish Cupboard's executive director, with a check for \$1,850, which represents cash contributions made by area residents and businesses.



Arts

Educators teach meaning of 'rocking good time'

The eighth season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues at the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. when the popular local band, "Good Acoustics" takes the floor.

Comprised of local educators Mike Smith, Dave Fazio, and Bill DeSanty, Good Acoustics is a rock-solid trio of seasoned vocalist/musicians with the versatility to perform everything from vocal favorites by Crosby Stills & Nash to classics from Journey.

Smith, a music teacher from Longmeadow, is a longtime member of the band "Paris" with high tenor vocals reminiscent of Steve Perry and Sting. Dave Fazio, who teaches sixth grade math in Agawam, handles bass. An accordion player by age six and bass guitarist by age 12, Fazio played in the band "Victory" for nearly 20 years. His edgy vocals bring to mind those of John Mellencamp and Van Morrison.

Percussionist Bill DeSanty teaches music in Palmer and was part of well-known local groups "Arabus," "Paris" and "Passport" before helping form "Good Acoustics." DeSanty's style of drumming combines the finesse of Phil Collins and the power of Steve Gadd and his vocal style recalls James Taylor.

These three performers have been tearing it up with local bands up and down the east coast for more than 20 years. Now celebrating four years of being together, "Good Acoustics" rocks like they've never been apart.

The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main St. and can be reached by phone at (413) 821-0604. This event is free and open to the public.

Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at the Agawam Cultural Council web site, www.agawamcc.org.



"Good Acoustics" appears at the Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main St., Agawam on Friday, Nov. 4 as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series. Vocalist/musicians Dave Fazio, Bill DeSanty, and Mike Smith will perform classic acoustic favorites and vocal hits.



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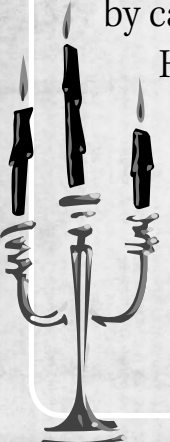
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OPEN HOUSE, from page 1

"The winner gets bragging rights and a lot of high fives," said firefighter/paramedic William Kraus.

While the cook-off was new this year, it was the traditional fire gear that most visitors came to see. Nicole Turgeon said her children, Caden, 3, and Kylie, 7, enjoyed last year's open house so much that they wanted to come back.

"Caden loves the fire trucks and wants to be a firefighter," she said.

'Good use of taxpayer money'

"Pretty impressive," said Melanie Stack, who stopped by with her husband, Bob. "Seeing all the up-to-date equipment makes us feel a lot safer. It's very comforting – and a good use of taxpayer money."

Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois said firefighter Pamela Murphy, the department's Safety And Fire Education (SAFE) coordinator, is very involved in planning the open house. The fall event is held near National Fire Prevention Week and Murphy travels to Agawam's schools to educate students about fire safety.

Promoting fire safety at home

"Teachers play a great role in helping us deliver our message to students and their families by assigning projects and homework that promote fire safety in the home," he said.

The open house visit motivated Gary Miller to start developing a fire rescue plan for his family. "I found a lot of useful material, such as the importance of checking smoke and fire detectors each month," he said.

Miller brought his 5-year old son Quinn with him for their first visit. Quinn clambered into the cab of one truck and sat behind the wheel as his dad watched from outside the open door.

"This is just wonderful – especially for kids," said Aubrey Neil as she waited for her husband Chris and their 2-year old son Tristan to finish touring the inside of a paramedic unit.

New and lifelong residents impressed

The Neils, new residents who moved to Agawam just a month ago, wanted to learn more about their fire department. "I had no idea the town has so much fire equipment," said Chris Neil.

Lifelong Agawam resident John Chriscola III visits the open house every year.

"I love the demonstrations – especially the Jaws of Life," he said.

His two sons, Vincent, 6, and Dominic, 4 — "future firefighters" — were with him. He said they want to be firefighters because their uncle is an Agawam call firefighter and their grandfather is a retired assistant chief in Agawam.

"It's a pleasant event that's beneficial for both kids and adults because it helps us make a connection with our firefighters," said Chriscola.

The open house was an impromptu, but "fantastic" event for Becky Thompson and her family.

"It looked really cool. I've lived in Agawam my whole life and I never knew about this open house," said Thompson, who was joined by her husband Mustafa and their daughters, 1-year old Addison and 3-year old Kennadie.

As she sat in a fire engine cab with her daughter, Kennadie, Thompson said, "I never realized how large these trucks are – they're enormous. Being inside is overwhelming. But it gave me a good feel of what it's like for firefighters."

Sirois said the open house is one way to get residents like the Thompsons into the fire station.

"The demonstrations and interactions with firefighters and EMTs give residents a better understanding of what we do as well the tools and equipment we use to protect them and their town," Sirois said.

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Becky Thompson sits in a fire engine cab with her 3-year old daughter Kennadie. Being inside felt overwhelming, she said, but gave her a good feel of what it's like for firefighters.



Firefighter/paramedic Michael Penders (left), Lt. B.J. Calvi (center) and Frank Matuszczak put their muscle into raising the roof of an old black Ford Crown Victoria sedan – a retired fire chief vehicle – after cutting the windshield posts during a demonstration with various Jaws of Life hydraulic rescue tools.



Ten-year old Cameron Wood pets fire dog Blaze as he sits on the bumper of Engine 5 with his sister Mia, 7.



Several firefighters showed off another skill - cooking - by whipping up their best batches of chili in a cook-off for visitors to taste and pick their favorite. Here, firefighter/paramedic Mike DeFilipi dishes out some chili for Lorraine LeDuc.



Josh Goodman holds his son Kingston, 4, and daughter Mireille, 2, as firefighter/paramedic Frank Matuszczak lifts them up in the aerial platform of the department's ladder truck.



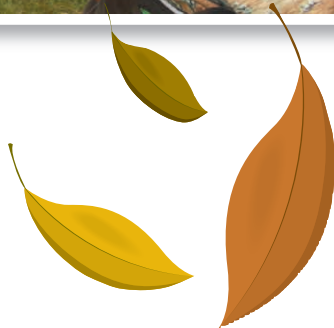
The Agawam Fire Department's facilities and apparatus were on display inside and outside during the annual open house on Oct. 22. One of the most popular vehicles – especially for kids – was the department's aerial ladder truck that gave visitors a spectacular view as they were lifted high above the truck and the fire station.



The Harvest Fest at the Veterans Green held last Saturday was like none other in recent years as the Agawam Rotary Club sought to spice up the event and attract more families than ever. The fair was expanded to host more vendors, more activities for children, and an antique car show to bring people out. Event Coordinator George Bitzas said he had to turn away vendors because the space filled up and called the event a complete success. There was live music, and performances by the Agawam High School band and the Agawam High School cheerleaders.



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SPORTS

Brownies punch ticket with win over Orioles

Gives Belchertown second loss of year

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls soccer team played like a team that has already begun the tournament.

The Brownies played their best and most intense game of the season in a 2-1 defeat of Belchertown, qualifying the Brownies for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament and handing Belchertown just their second loss of the season.

Agawam is now 8-4-3, but is playing much better now than their record indicates.

“This is the best I have seen this team play all year,” said coach Laura Wray-Ramos. “This is the type of team we need beat in the tournament and we played like a tournament team tonight.”

Agawam scored two very impressive goals and owned possession for a majority of the game, and the team was also playing without two of their starters, Elyse Cote and Samantha Butt, both of whom have contributed a lot to Agawam’s offense this year.

“We have two of our regulars out and there are other players stepping up,” Wray-Ramos said.

In the first half, Agawam dominated possession play throughout the period and seemed to dictate a very quick pace in the game, but it took them all the way to the 35th minute to score as Riley Hellstein converted a great pass from Morgan Casey.

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Agawam’s Riley Hellstein moves upfield during Agawam’s 4-1 win over Chicopee Comp last Thursday. Hellstein scored the first goal of the game for Agawam.



Goalkeeper Leah Dominique punts the ball away after making a save.

Streaking Brownies shut down Westfield

Three second-half goals lift field hockey to victory

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys soccer team is now unbeaten in nine consecutive contests, propelling from an early “up-and-down” season to go 5-0-4 down the main stretch and qualify for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament with a 3-0 shutout of Westfield on Monday afternoon.

Jon Alicea, Cian O’Sullivan, and Dillon Cecchi scored the goals for Agawam, which led 2-0 at halftime and added to Westfield struggling season.

Colin Ritter picked up another shutout for Agawam in the net with five saves.

In their other action this past week, the Brownies went to a deadlock with a powerful Longmeadow team that has 11 wins this season.

Agawam played a very physical game against the Lancers, and went to halftime scoreless. The Brownies picked up their first goal 12 minutes into the second half as they made a very creative shot off a low corner kick by Jesse Jergensen.

Jergensen made the very low kick that somehow found Kyle Mutti in a crowded goal area. Mutti redirected the ball off the back of his foot and through the legs of the goalkeeper for the score to give Agawam a 1-0 lead.

Agawam’s defense played excellent throughout the game until the Lancers finally broke through with 5:17 left in the game, scoring on a pair of crisscrossing passes that caught Ritter off guard for a Longmeadow goal.

The Brownies had a scary moment near the end of the game as Longmeadow received a free kick from the 18-yard line. But a player wall was effective and blocked the free kick and preserved the tie for the

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Storm take Cape Cod tourney



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The Storm won the 2011 New England Soccer Columbus Day Classic Tournament. Back row (from left to right): head coach Shaun Jenks, Allison Jenks, Madison Gerry, Lauren Choquette, Callie Cavanaugh, Celia Speth, Lamara Evans, Cristina Rojas and coach Ted Hitchcock. Front row: Sarah Carron, Cassidy Bailey, Jamie Robert, Jennifer Fabrycki, Caroline Hitchcock, MaryKate Albert, Alison Woodring and Alliana Hasiuk.

SOUTH HADLEY - The Pioneer Valley Storm Girls U-13 Maple Soccer Club, made up of premier players from the towns of Monson, Holyoke, Agawam, Springfield, South Hadley, Chicopee and South Deerfield won the 2011 New England Soccer Columbus Day Classic Tournament recently on Cape Cod.

The team outscored their opponents 16-0 as they went undefeated in the two-day tournament. Tournament MVP’s were Jennifer Fabrycki, Alliana Hasiuk and Madison Gerry.

The soccer club is based in South Hadley and plays in the prestigious Maple Soccer League-the premier soccer league in the state of Massachusetts. The team is currently

3-1 in the Maple League and the Storm has given up only one goal in the eight games that they have played thus far outscoring their opponents 22-1.

The Pioneer Valley Storm is a newly formed Soccer Club with Kevin Meek as their Director of Player Development, Shaun Jenks as president and coach of the U-13’s and Steve Blaney as vice president and coach of the U-11’s. They play their home games at Elms College and their website is www.PioneerValleyStorm.com.

The U-13 team also won the Golden Heat 3V3 Tournament held in Springfield in June and the U-11 team won the Granby 3V3 Tournament in August.

ATHLETE *of the Week*

Bard helps provide last line of Brownie defense

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Senior Leisl Bard sees the entire field from her spot in the sweeper position. She spends a lot of time “directing traffic” to help her teammates find lanes to score and serves as the last and very powerful line of defense to Agawam’s goalkeeper.

Even though she can claim no statistics, goals, assists or saves, the scoreboard is often a great indicator of how well she and the rest of the defense are playing. Bard’s defense this season has made a big impact for the Brownies, tournament qualifiers following a 2-1 defeat of Belchertown Monday night.

Bard is the choice to the Agawam Advertiser News Athlete of the Week.

“There is a lot of pressure on defense and we have to stay solid throughout each minute of the game,” says Bard, a captain on the team. “If we make one mistake, it’s a goal. If the offense makes a mistake, it’s a missed shot.”

Bard emphasizes the importance of clean



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Agawam senior sweeper Leisl Bard has played defense since the age of 4. She has won gold medals twice at the Bay State Games.

play near the goal, but also says she has the best vantage point from her end of the field.

“I am the last player, with my goalie,” said Bard. “I not only have to stop the best strikers in Western Mass., but also instruct my teammates on what to do and where to go. Being a sweeper is a huge responsibility.”

The sweeper position went to Bard this season but she has been a member of the Brownies defense for three years now, the last two as the team’s stopper on defense. Bard said she began playing soccer at just 4 years old. She began playing because her father, who was a goalkeeper, and soon became addicted to the sport.

She has played defense her entire life, and loves it.

Her love for soccer has brought her many places, including two consecutive summers at the Bay State Games. Her team has won the gold medal both years she participated. The experience brought her invaluable information to take home to Agawam.

“It’s incredible to play alongside the top girls in Western Mass.,” she said. “I made such good friends and it’s great to see them and play against them during the high school season.”

Bard believes with 10 seniors on the team, a strong defense, strong attackers, and an experienced goalkeeper, this is the year for the Brownies.

“We are strong as a unit and I am confident we will pull together,” said Bard. “Agawam does not have one superstar who we rely on to win games and that’s why we are so successful.”

Bard also has a busy extracurricular life at Agawam High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Student Government, and Key Club. She also currently represents the student body on the Agawam School Committee. During the winter, Bard plays on the varsity basketball team as a small forward.

She plans to major in business and further her studies in corporate law. She has not decided on where she will be going to college, but says Quinnipiac University and Babson College are her top choices at this point.

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Brownies.

Agawam had two games earlier in the week and hosts Chicopee for senior night Friday at 6 p.m. at Harmon A. Smith Field.

In Agawam field hockey action, the Brownies raised their record to 9-4-3 with a 4-1 win over Westfield Monday afternoon on the road thanks to three second-half goals.

Megan Ripke continued her great play this season with two goals, and Paige Preston and Kristina Kopyscinski provided single tallies for the winning Brownies, who have qualified for the tournament.

Jill Newton made just one save as the de-

fense did an excellent job keeping Westfield out of their end of the field.

The Brownies also dropped a decision to Minnechaug 2-1 last Friday afternoon. All the scoring came in the first half as Kopyscinski scored off a pass from Rebecca Fondakowski. Newton made eight saves in the loss.

The Brownies final regular season game is Thursday at Minnechaug at 3:30 p.m.

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ABOVE: Agawam’s Jon Alicea chases down a loose ball.

LEFT: Agawam’s Tyler Coughlin makes a clearing kick after an offsides call.

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Church News

Free medical clinic at Bethany

New Covenant Free Clinic, a free medical clinic, is being co-sponsored by New Covenant Community Services and Bethany Assembly of God on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 6-8 p.m. The clinic will provide non-emergent care for people age 18 and over.

“The mission is to provide Christ centered medical care in the Pioneer Valley community by serving the body, mind and spirit with compassionate care,” said Dr. Kevin Snow, clinic physician. Although people are required to have insurance in Massachusetts, in the current economic condition some people cannot afford the co-payments to see their primary care physician for immediate non-emergency medical issues. The free clinic is intended to help these individuals receive the medical care they so desperately need.

Along with the clinic there will be free flu

True Devotion service at Sacred Heart

An evening on “St. Louis De Montfort’s True Devotion to Mary” with Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC will be held at Sacred Heart Parish located at 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Registration with a light supper will be held at 5:15 p.m. At 6 p.m., Mass will be

vaccinations from 6-8 p.m. A special addition this month is a free confidential memory screening by Homewatch Caregivers from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The staff of licensed medical care workers is volunteering their time and skills, and no revenue will be collected for the services provided. The entire team is committed to providing quality care on all levels. A visit to the clinic will include a demographic check in, medical assessment, behavioral health assessment (if needed), and spiritual encouragement. The free clinic will operate once a month at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam. All medical records will be kept in strict confidence.

For more information, call the clinic at (413) 363-0098.

‘Faith in Politics’ forum to be held

The Rev. Harvey Hill, Priest-in-Charge at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Agawam, and the Rev. John DeBonville, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in West Springfield, will host a forum on “The Role of Faith in Politics” on Thursday, Nov.3 at St. David’s, which is located at 699 Springfield St. in Agawam.

The program will trace the impact of faith in politics, beginning with President Kennedy’s speech to ministers in Houston in 1960. Issues discussed will include the impact of social issues such as abortion and gay marriage in political races, and the emerging role of the religious right as a political force. Participants will also discuss the current political campaign and the religious issues involved in it.

This program is intended to be an audience-involved discussion of these issues. While the clergy will provide background information, it is hoped that a good exchange of ideas will take place.

All local candidates for political office are especially invited to attend.

Obituary

PHILOMINA C. DISISTO

Philomina C. DiSisto, 97, of Feeding Hills, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Oct. 22. She was born Sept. 23, 1914 in Putney, Vt. She was the daughter of the late Anthony and Louise Pacitti. Philomina was a lifelong resident of West Springfield and was employed as a seamstress at Carter’s, Lauren Sportswear and Talon. She also worked many years for Yankee Boy Enterprises as a restaurant manager. Philomina was predeceased by her husband, Guirino DiSisto in 1995; and she is survived by her two sisters, Mary Fairley of Westfield and Sandra Dennis of Agawam. She is also survived by her children William and his wife Joanne of Agawam, Donna and her husband Joseph of Southwick, and Daniel and his girlfriend



Roberta Armstrong of Feeding Hills; six grandchildren, Joseph Rossi and his wife Celeste, Karen Drummond and her husband Kevin, Sheryl Bourassa and her husband Dominic, Deborah DiSisto, Lori DiSisto and William DiSisto and his wife Lisa; and eight great-grandchildren, Will DiSisto, Hayden DiSisto, Alec Harnois, Joseph Harnois, Toni Coombs and her husband Patrick, Taylor DiSisto, Nina Bourassa and Nicco Albano, Jordyn Rossi and Lillian Rossi and one great-great-grandchild, Symphony Coombs. She was predeceased by her three brothers and three sisters, James Pacitti, Benjamin Pacitti, Anthony Pacitti, Margaret Brown, Josephine Dumas and Angeline Pandolfi. Funeral services for Philomina were held Thursday at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills with Rites of Committal following at St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Donations may be made to the Agawam Senior Center Bus Fund, American Kidney Association or Mercy Hospice. Toomey-O’Brien Funeral Home had charge of all arrangements.

Upcoming events at Agawam Congregational Church

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, a church where the Holy Spirit is alive, uniting people with Christ. The service is at 10 a.m. every Sunday with fellowship/coffee hour after each service.

Playgroup is back. This group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the nursery and is for children birth to 5 years old with a parent or caregiver. It is open to the public at no cost and includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. Newcomers are welcome.

The Fellowship Guild will meet Thursday, Nov. 3 at noon with a potluck lunch with planning for the Christmas bazaar.

The youth group meets Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for grades 7 – 12. Come and bring a friend. For more information, call the church office. Jody Seldomridge is youth leader.

Veterans Day Communion Sunday will be celebrated Nov. 6 with patriotic hymns, the recognition of veterans, past and present, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A pancake breakfast will be held Friday, Nov. 11 at the church from 7 to 10 a.m. and is free to veterans. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children. The event is sponsored by Quail Run Estates and all proceeds are being donated to “Outward Bound for Veterans.” Right after the pancake breakfast, a Veterans memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on the Veterans Green in Agawam and is open to the public.

Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. At 5 p.m. the church will host its first Family Game Night and Potluck Supper. Bring your favorite game

to share and be ready to try out a new game. Families are asked to sign up and notify the committee what you will bring for the potluck supper.

Men’s Ministry meets at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. Also on Nov. 19 will be the Holly Wreath Bazaar at the church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 20. The Alice Moore Golden Bell Choir will ring before church. All are welcome.

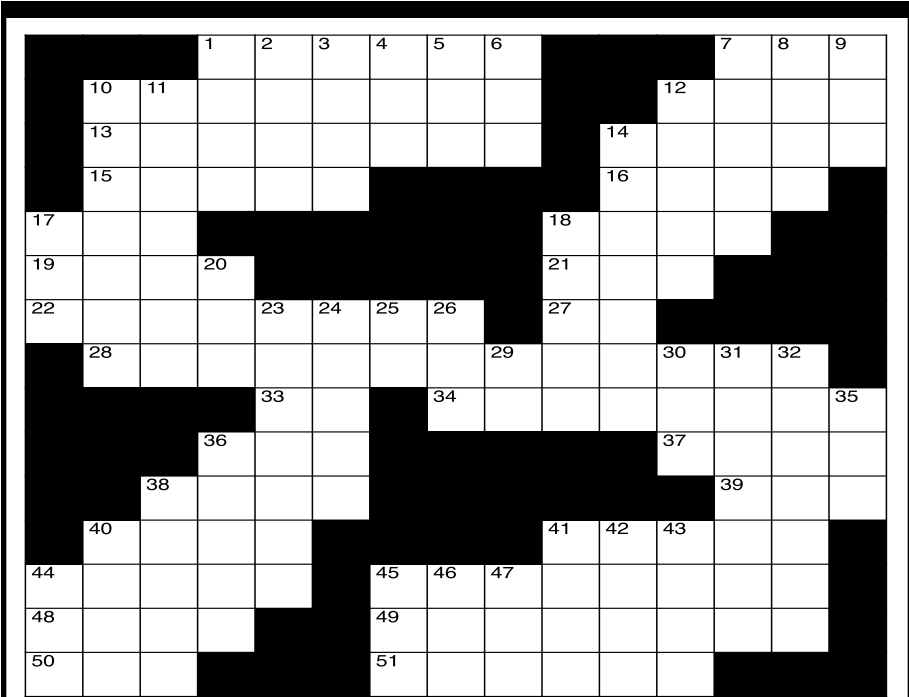
Loaves and Fishes takes place Monday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. Helpers are welcome.

The public is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service at Bethany Assembly of God to be held Sunday, Nov. 23. Local pastors will conduct the service with special music and fellowship hour to follow. The offering will go to the Parish Association for the Phil Coburn Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Thomas Church in West Springfield.

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The First Sunday of Advent, the Candle of Hope will be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 27. The Women’s Ministry meets Monday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Disrupt the arrangement of
7. Don’t know when yet
10. Dawn
12. Terrestrial frog
13. Water crops
14. Sucking onion louse
15. Struck a heavy blow
16. Rock guitarist Clapton
17. Fed
18. Big man on campus
19. Tough Asiatic grass
21. To copy the behavior of another
22. M_____: soaked meat
27. Dover is the capital
28. Outdoor cooker
33. Farm state
34. More bleak and dismal
36. Large northern deer
37. “L’Eggo My _____”
38. Thais (alt. sp.)
39. No (Scottish)
40. Civil wrong
41. Be suitable for
44. Spider-Man actor Maguire
45. Put up with something
48. A plank fo sliding objects
49. Coated a metal with an oxide
50. A companionship animal
51. Archaic “to commit”
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Novice or beginner
2. Notice of someone’s death
3. An instinctive motive
4. A very large body of water
5. Broad flat back muscle
6. Supplement with difficulty
7. Shaped like a torus
8. Spoken in the Dali region of Yunnan
9. Automatic data processing
10. Move deeply
11. Yerevan is the capital
12. Severe spasm of pain
14. Poster paints
17. Physician’s organization
18. Boy Scout merit award
20. Same name son (alt. abbr.)
23. The quality of being capable
24. Outdoor furniture
woods
25. Emotional intelligence
26. An explosion fails to occur
29. Trauma center
30. Anger
31. Brown coal
32. Sent as an official emissary
35. Egg mass of a lobster
36. Dog-_____: shabby
38. A Hebrew captive in Nineveh
40. Take a puff
41. Binge Eating Disorder Assoc.
42. Pitcher Bedard
43. Disconcert
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Business

ASBAC seeking volunteers

The Agawam Small Business Assistance Center (ASBAC) recently announced it is looking for additional volunteers to staff the office in the Agawam City Hall.

The center was launched in January 2002, through the combined effort of the town of Agawam and Springfield Technical Community College Enterprise Center. The center fosters economic growth and client education by providing free professional counseling, workshops and other supportive services to area entrepreneurs who want to start or improve their businesses in Agawam and the surrounding communities.

During its nearly 10 years of operation, the center has received hundreds of requests for counseling on such subjects as: starting up; business loans; marketing and sales; accounting; taxes; human resources; inventory control; employee training; technology, computer systems and business planning. Counseling is provided by SCORE, and is held on an appointment basis.

The ASBAC is seeking enthusiastic, motivated members of the business community to serve a few hours per month to answer phones, direct new business people to the center's appropriate contacts and other related duties.

Many of the volunteers are retired from the business community or currently in business within the region. You do not have to be an Agawam resident to volunteer.

If you are interested in being a part of this important business resource, call Deborah Dachos, director of planning and community development at the Agawam Small Business Assistance Center, 786-0400 ext 283.

Agawam Rotary to meet Nov. 2

The Agawam Rotary Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 12:15 p.m. at Storowton Tavern for its weekly meeting and will present classification talks from new members. Check the Rotary out locally at www.agawamrotary.org.

As Rotarians, they sponsor local scholarships and charities and raise money for local, national, and international service projects, including the worldwide elimination of polio and providing clean drinking water. For more information on Rotary International, visit rotary.org.

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Learn more about the candidates running in the Nov. 8 election. Visit www.agawamnewsonline.com and click the "reader forum" button.

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Docket No. HD11P2045EA
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NOTICE OF PETITION
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that **Elizabeth M Dougal**

of Indian Orchard, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 11/15/2011

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Hon. **Anne M. Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 18, 2011
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Date of Death: 09/04/2010
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WITNESS: Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
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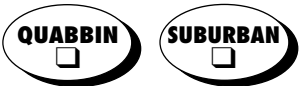
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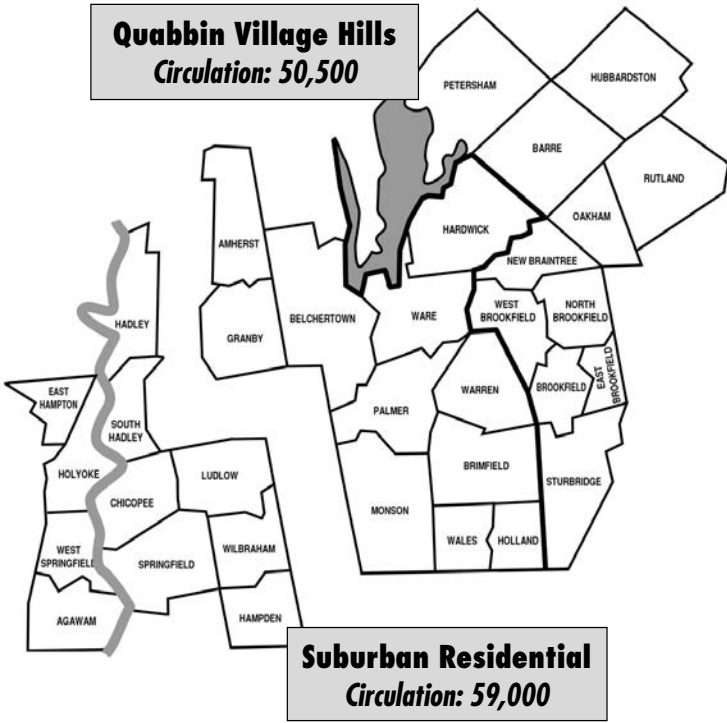
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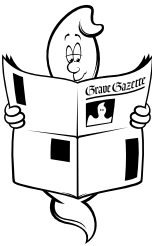
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Friday, Oct. 28

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will host "Stars, Serenade and Stone Soup," at the historic Thomas Smith House, 251 North West St. in Feeding Hills from 6-8 p.m. This special evening is the first time this 1757 home will be open for candlelight tours. Step back in time and enjoy an enchanting evening of period music, warm up with a cup of hearth cooked and try a piece of old-fashioned cornbread. This event is free and open to the public.

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield. A \$5 bag day will be held Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Proceeds are used for various mission/outreach projects. For more information, call the church office at (413) 737-5311 or Peg Commisso at (413) 525-2719.

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Sunday, Oct. 30

A SUNDAY KIND OF JAZZ benefit concert for the Northampton Community Music Center will be held at the Easthampton Congregational Church at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the performance. For information, visit www.ncmc.net.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie at 12:30 p.m. ("On Moonlight Bay"). The public is welcome.

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Wednesday, Nov. 2

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Thursday, Nov. 3

THE SPRINGFIELD HOBBY CLUB will hold its annual craft sale, today and tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 309 Chestnut St., Springfield. There will be craft tables, a snack bar, bake sale and more. The Thrift Shop will hold a "fill-a-bag" for \$5 event during the same hours.

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A HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center, 1023 Parker St., Springfield. Crafts from more than 60 area crafters will be featured along with a Chinese Auction, baked goods, game room, and hot lunch. Admission is free.

A CARD, COIN AND MEMORABILIA SHOW will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. Over 40 tables, handicap accessible and door prize drawing every 30 minutes. For information, call (413) 593-6046.

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Breakfast to benefit ‘Outward Bound for Veterans

Quail Run Estates, 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, a Holiday Retirement community, will host a pancake breakfast at Agawam Congregational Church, Friday, Nov. 11 from 7-10 a.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Outward Bound for Veterans program, designed to help returning veterans readjust to life at home.

Returning from battle lines is frequently perceived as a joyous moment for soldiers. Forgotten is that thousands of veterans, hardened by the realities of war, regularly struggle to readjust to civilian life and face mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, failed personal relationships and unemployment. Often times, veterans need our support more than ever as they transition back home.

Outward Bound has designed a program to aid these brave men and women. The non-profit educational organization provides challenging learning expeditions that focus on character, development, leadership and service. Research shows that Outward Bound for Veterans helps participants gain an increased sense of coherence and resilience. Veterans also

report greater ability to deal with combat-related illnesses, pursue employment, connect with other veterans, develop self-confidence, and smoothly transition to civilian life.

Holiday Retirement is proud to assist those recently returning from war by supporting Outward Bound for Veterans. With the public’s support, Holiday is aiming to raise at least \$1.2 million, which will send at least 600 deserving wartime veterans through the exhilarating, challenging and rewarding Outward Bound courses. Holiday Retirement will also match every dollar donated to the Outward Bound for Veterans program.

Holiday Retirement has and continues to assist veterans through the Aid & Attendance benefit; endorsed by General Hugh Shelton, United States Army (Retired) and 14th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As a direct result of this benefit over 8,000 Veterans call Holiday Retirement communities home.

Please join in support of this very worthy cause by attending the pancake breakfast.

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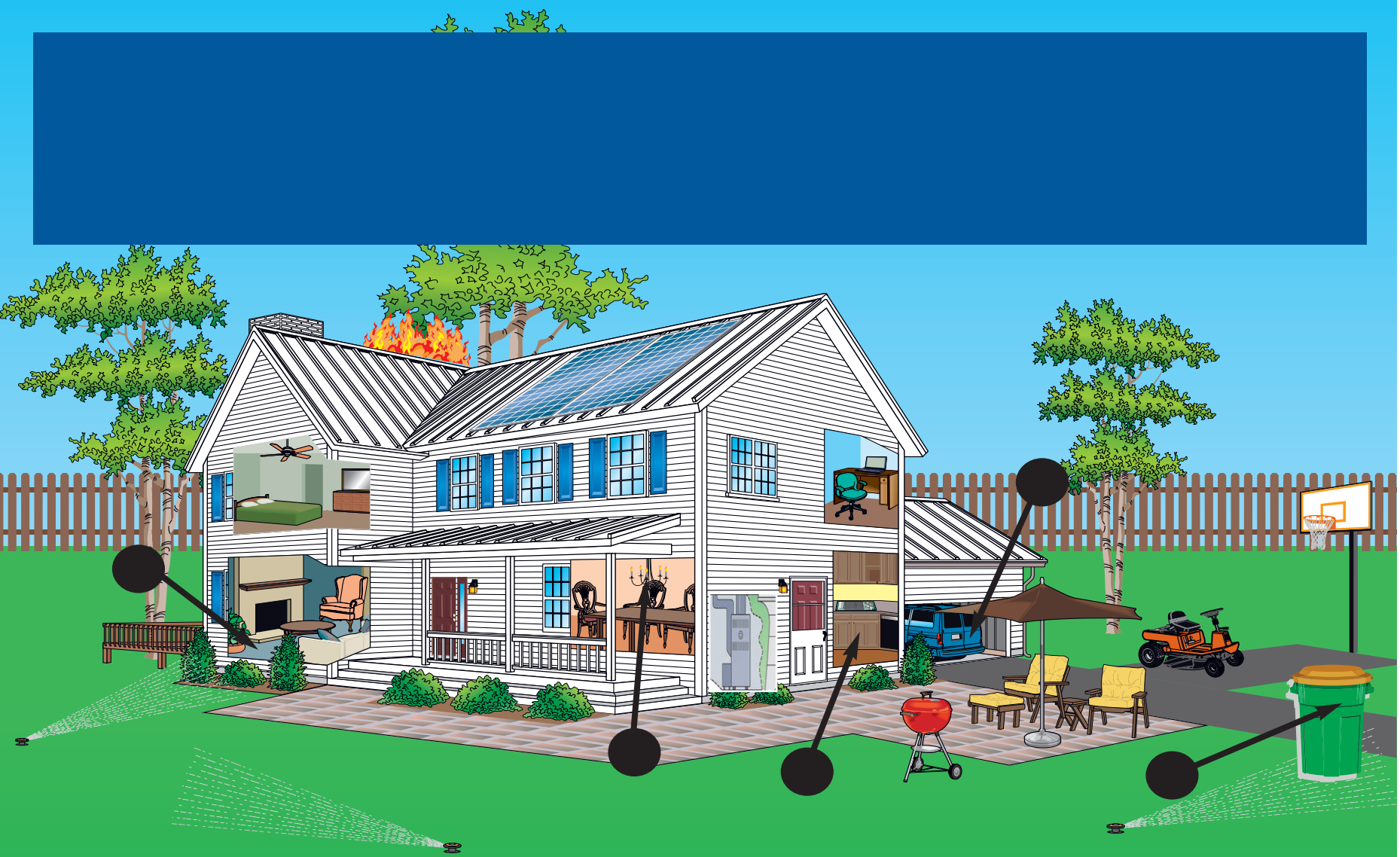


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